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Hurricane Harvey hits home

Kaley Lawrimore // Editor-in-Chief

Hurricane Harvey rocked southeastern Texas late August with debilitating floods and record-breaking rainfall responsible for killing at least 30 people, including a Houston police officer who drowned in his car on the way to work. Thousands are still stranded and even more remain unaccounted for.

Houston is seeing the bulk of the massive flooding after having over 50 inches dumped in America's fourth largest city. The historic flooding has caused hundreds of flights to be canceled and major interstates and roads to be closed, preventing people from leaving, including a Coastal Carolina University official.

Dr. Debbie Conner, vice president for Campus Life and Student Engagement, traveled to Houston for her grandfather's funeral, but could not lay him to rest on Saturday, Aug. 26 because of the impending destruction.

"Saturday when we went to bed, we thought we had missed the worst of the storm," said Conner.

But that was not the case as Hurricane Harvey continued to bring winds and rain to the area.

"The city was calling us, telling us to get up and go take shelter, so we spent a lot of the night in our hallway afraid we would get hit by a tornado. Our phones would go off at least every half-hour,

emergency alerts would go off, telling us 'flash flood' or 'tornado warning,'" Conner said. "Saturday night was a really long night."

She said when the alerts first started coming in, her family did not worry too much, but once the phone calls from the city started, it made the severity of the storm hit a little harder.

"Every 10 minutes, the emergency alert was going across the television and we're like, 'oh, we're so tired of the emergency alerts,' but when you start getting phone calls saying there are tornadoes touching down in your area and to take shelter...it gives it a little different meaning to those emergency alerts," said Conner. "You just hope you're going to be safe, and you're just praying the people around you are going to be safe."

Conner and her family made it through the night, safe and untouched. The home they're staying in did not take on any water, and only the yard saw minor flooding.

"We're so thankful we're in a dry house," said Conner. "There are a lot of people in dry houses, you know, Houston is a huge area, but you can go five blocks and houses will be under water."

Conner said she met with her "Coastal family" before leaving, and she shared with them what she hopes to accomplish this year moving forward. She said she picked one word to drive all areas of her

life and she sees that taking place already.

"My one word for this year is 'connect,' said Conner. "I shared with them I was excited I was going to have the opportunity to connect with my family through this time in Houston, and I have done that."

She said the outpouring of support during this experience is something that will stay with her, even after she returns to South Carolina.

"...what I'll bring back with me is my continued commitment to my family and feeling the connectedness to my Coastal family because everybody's been so amazing," said Conner. "I have gotten so much support from people at Coastal, it's unreal. Just people checking on me, making sure we're okay and I just feel blessed that we're doing perfectly fine, when there are a lot of folks, including some of my family, that aren't."

Conner returned to South Carolina late last Saturday evening. She returned to work last Tuesday, according to Poppy Hepp, administrative coordinator for Campus Life and Student Engagement.

On Aug. 25, Harvey made landfall in the United States near Rockport, close to Corpus Christi, as a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching 130 miles per hour before rapidly weakening to a tropical storm. Harvey made landfall for the second time on the Texas-Louisiana border on Aug. 30 around 5 a.m.

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Kaley Lawrimore // Editor-in-Chief

Three business majors were given a project for their entrepreneurial leadership class, but decided to turn it into something much bigger than Coastal Carolina University.

Mary Rufo, Taylor Moon and Trevor Greene were given an \$8 start-up capital and their objective was to make the biggest impact they could in only 10 days, so they decided to help out those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

"We knew we wanted to do something that affected more than just us, so that's why we did pick Hurricane Harvey, and the American Red Cross as a legitimate organization," said Rufo. "Everyone trusts them, people donating to them know the money is going where it should."

The trio said they were inspired to help after going through Hurricane Matthew, which impacted South Carolina last October.

"After Hurricane Matthew hit us, we know the devastation that that caused here...it's something that's really close to community," said Moon. "We felt like we should give back."

They paired up with The American

Red Cross to create a website, Teal for Texas, where people could donate to help out. Their goal was to raise \$10,000 in 10 days.

In just over 24 hours of starting the website, the group raised over \$1,000. Moon and Rufo were surprised by how quickly took off.

"It's been a lot bigger than I thought it was going to be," said Moon. "Everyone I know has been sharing it, people I don't know have been sharing it, so the word is really getting out there..."

Moon and Rufo said Teal for Texas goes way beyond their class project, and themselves. It's about helping those who so desperately need it.

"It makes me feel really fortunate that we are in a position where we can step up and help," said Rufo. "If we were in Texas, or anyone else that was hit by Hurricane Harvey, we would be the ones needing help. It makes me happy that we can step up and help, and if that were to happen to us, other people would step up, too."

Since the project started, the trio has been featured on Carolina and Co. Live, WRNN radio and ABC 15 News.

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Coastal to send aid to Houston

Ian Brooking // Reporter

On Aug. 29, the Coastal Carolina Department of Athletics announced they will be conducting a relief drive in an effort to assist those in Houston who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and the historic flooding the storm has caused. Cari Rosiek, associate athletic director at Coastal Carolina University, talked about what it meant to once again step up to the plate.

"I was not sure if we were going to be able to accomplish this due to the fact that we didn't have a truck," said Rosiek. "On Tuesday morning, I was getting a lot of requests, and I was able to talk one-on-one with Tyler Anthony of Lewis Truck Lines and he jumped on board."

"Coastal Carolina ran a donation drive last year in an effort to aid fellow Sun Belt institution, Louisiana-Lafayette, after torrential rain caused horrendous flooding in the area."

"As a community that felt the effects of a hurricane last fall, we can certainly empathize with the people of Houston and their current situation," said Rosiek.

Harvey developed from a tropical wave to the east of the Lesser

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Antilles, reaching tropical storm status on Aug. 17.

Harvey began to decrease in strength as it passed through the Caribbean but then began to rapidly intensify on Aug. 24 and regain its Tropical Storm status, ultimately becoming a hurricane that same day. On Aug. 25, Harvey was labeled as Category 4 hurricane and made landfall at peak intensity in Rockport, Texas. The worst of Hurricane Harvey was the catastrophic inland flooding that has affected deep east Texas, especially in Houston, Texas. The Greater Houston area observed at least 50 inches of rain, making Harvey the wettest tropical cyclone on record for Texas and the contiguous United States. It is also estimated that 25 to 30 percent of Harris County, which is nearly 450 square miles in area, was submerged. It is estimated that there is going to at least \$10 billion to \$160 billion in damages. Coastal Carolina Department of Athletics will be sending student-athletes to Texas, much like last year when Coastal aided Lafayette, Louisiana. "We will be taking student-athletes down to Houston once it has been deemed safe," said Rosiek. "There, our student-athletes will be helping unload the truck and distribute supplies. That way, we know that the people who desperately need [help] will get it in their hands." The drive will last two weeks and people are encouraged to bring cleaning supplies, toiletry items and cases of water.

Monetary donations can be made online on the CCU Sports page.

South Carolina expected to see higher than average hurricane season

Tyler Gross // Reporter

With the devastation in Texas and the looming threat of Hurricane Irma hitting the east coast, it serves as an important reminder to be prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30, and with the help of Coastal Carolina University's on-campus emergency management team, it has been made easier for students to receive information on how to prepare for a natural disaster.

Carissa Medeiros, director of Emergency Management, urged all students to have a plan in place for any type of natural disaster that may occur, not just hurricanes and tropical storms. She stressed the importance of not waiting for disaster to strike to get a hurricane kit ready.

The Office of Emergency Management helps students during times of natural disasters and provides them with information on how to evacuate if need be and also supplies students with emergency kits.

If students have any questions about how to evacuate, where to get a supply kit or would like to review hurricane guidelines, there is a emergency management link on our website.

When Hurricane Matthew hit the Grand Strand last year, new policies were put into place by CCU, according to Medeiros.

"The president, provost and vice president made the policy decision to close campus and residence halls when the governor released



a hurricane evacuation for Horry County," said Medeiros. "The university also had to prepare the campus facilities and grounds for possible flooding and high winds."

Jane Rowe, a recent CCU graduate, was a senior during Hurricane Matthew and was happy with how they handled the situation.

"[During Hurricane Matthew] Coastal made it a point to make sure all of the students and faculty was [sic] safe," said Rowe. "Classes were canceled and students were kept up to date with the status of returning to classes through emails. Coastal was prepared and no classes were affected."

For the students who have nowhere to go if an evacuation order is issued, CCU will transport them to a safe location in the region.

"Last year, we evacuated our residential students who didn't have a place to go to Clemson University for sheltering," said Medeiros.

Medeiros encourages students to fill out the Personal Evacuation Plan

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HTC Center's gym initializes new dress code policy

Alisha Petrizzo // Reporter

On Aug. 1, CCU's fitness center initiated a new dress code that affects all students, faculty and staff who constitute the campus. This policy does not allow gym-goers to work out if skin below their shoulder blades and the midsection is showing.

This rule is enforced by asking people to change their shirts. If another shirt is not applicable, then one can be provided if asked, according to Tara Josey, associate director of campus recreation.

"We never deny any one access, we will offer you a shirt," said Josey.

Josey said this move was hard but necessary to prevent illnesses from spreading.

"It wasn't something that was taken lightly," said Josey. "We researched a dozen other campuses on what their clothing policies were. In an effort to still allow people to wear athletic attire that has

the freedom to expose shoulders and have the movements needed and with at least providing more barriers to disease transmission, this is what we came up with."

The goal of the new gym rule is to decrease the spread of diseases and infections by limiting the amount of skin visible while using the equipment.

"It's your gym," said Josey. "You are paying money to come here and we are trying to protect you as a user."

There are other actions to help limit the risk of developing disease or infection, such as using the wipes provided by the gym to clean and sanitize the equipment before and after the workout. Also, the spread of illnesses can be limited by accepting the hand towels given out to wipe away any sweat.

Brandon Richardson, a senior at Coastal, claimed that he would not let this new policy affect him attending the gym.

"I have been going to the gym

since I was a freshman and if they want to keep us from getting sick, then so be it," said Richardson. "I will still get my workout in."

According to Josey, the gym is another way to help promote healthy standards and the new regulation is just another way to enforce wellness.

Accompanying the new dress code, there is also a new rule on what types of beverages can be brought inside the gym. The gym is now a water-only facility.

Members at the gym still want people to attend and they are willing to accommodate anyone if needed.

Clarification on the dress code is located inside the facility and posted on their social media pages, such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with the handle @CCU-REC.



Sustainable umbrellas

Yaicha Ocampo // Assistant Editor

Coastal Carolina University now has solar-powered umbrellas around campus for students to charge their electronic devices, like smartphones, tablets and laptops.

Sustain Coastal, the TD Campus and Community Sustainability Initiative that was established in 2005, purchased the umbrellas over the summer.

Jeremy Monday, the sustainability coordinator, said the University had been considering purchasing these umbrellas for a while now.

"We have talked about doing this for a couple years," said Monday. "Over the summer, we ordered the umbrellas from Zon Technology and they arrived in early August."

Zon Technology, like Sustain Coastal, is cognizant of the environment. They focus on reducing our carbon footprint while providing a sustainable outdoor power solution.

The inspiration for the umbrellas

came from the technological culture.

"Everyone on campus is becoming more reliant on their mobile devices," said Monday. "We wanted to give them an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and charge their devices using a renewable energy source."

Coastal Carolina University is an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Power Partner.

"As a result of using green power, these organizations are helping to support the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide while also helping to protect the environment," according to the United States Protection Agency's official site.

Sustain Coastal also creates educational programs and events for students focused on sustainability such as recycling, food waste composting and water refill stations.

Some of the events include Earth Month, Pop-Up Thrift Shop, Landfill on the Lawn and Campus Salvage.



Graduation photo to wrong number turned viral tweet

Coby De Lucia // Reporter

Students attending Coastal Carolina University have one main ambition in common: graduation. An event where students wear caps, gowns and smiles from ear to ear. As they walk across the stage in the HTC Center and finally receive their diplomas.

On Aug. 5, 2017, Justin Campbell walked across that stage to become a part of Coastal Carolina's alumnus.

Before the ceremony began, Campbell and his friend thought a picture together would be a great way to remember that moment. When Campbell went to send the photo to his friend, he made one mistake.

"I put a 7 instead of a 6," said Campbell. That wrong number belonged to Roger Hawkins.

Hawkins received the picture from Campbell and decided to respond rather than simply ignoring it or informing the graduates of the mishap.

"I smiled. I instantly responded with what I did," said Hawkins. "It was nice, you know?"

These guys are doing something cool with their lives. My first thought was that it was cool, so I let them know."

Hawkins is no stranger to wrong numbers contacting him. He said his number is posted on the internet in multiple places because of his job as a real estate agent.

Hawkins did not just respond with encouraging words, but he sent back a selfie to match.

"The type of person that I am and the type of business that I'm in, I enjoy

engaging strangers," said Hawkins. "It gets me out of my own stuff."

When Hawkins texted back, it was already 30 minutes into the graduation ceremony, and Campbell did not have a lot of time to digest what happened.

"I look at the message and it's a picture," said Campbell. "I'm laughing, and I show the guy sitting next to me and we are laughing at it. I respond and say, 'My guy' and that is when he responds back with 'Congrats fellas the skies the limit!' all I could think at the time is that it was cool because I was on the graduation high at the time."

It was not until the next day that Campbell realized how "cool" this scenario truly was.

He was convinced to take screenshots of the text messages between the two and tweet them out. It did not take long for the tweet to make the its rounds on Twitter.

The tweet got some much attention, national news outlets contacted Campbell to talk with him about his exchange with Hawkins.

"I've been on the Today Show, ABC, all the local stations and BuzzFeed," said Campbell.

Campbell had to turn his notifications off because of the viral tweet. Hawkins was forced to use his laptop to respond to the masses.

"I didn't realize until the next day when a random number texted me about it," said Hawkins. "I thought she was his friend so I went along with it and asked if he had listened to the speech I sent him. This and that. Then I thought about it and I looked on Twitter to see what was going on."

Hawkins has been getting hundreds



of messages from random numbers; he even got a message about the tweet while talking with The Chanticleer.

"I just got one. 'Way to be an awesome person dude. The world needs more people like you.' There were nights where it was non-stop," said Hawkins.

Hawkins said he texted back because he is a positive man. He did not realize he would get so many encouraging words sent to him, and for that, he is humbled.

The man behind C-I-N-O

Coby De Lucia // Reporter

When students hear the phrase CINO (Coastal Is Number One), many do not know where it came from or when it was originated.

CINO originated in 1969 when Coastal first disassociated from the University of South Carolina.

Larry Biddle, assistant director of Coastal Carolina College in Conway from 1966 to 1974, was responsible for the phrase's first appearance in Coastal's history in the 1969 Coastal Carolina University yearbook.

This yearbook was also the first issue to be exclusively CCU. The yearbook had a double page spread with big black and red "CINO" letters across the pages.

Biddle said CINO was actually created to be the name of CCU's mascot.

"Linda Taylor, the Head Cheerleader at the time, came into my office in what was the old student union and says she has a great name for the school's mascot: CINO."

Biddle then explained how CINO, back when it was first originated, was a name for the team's mascot. Without a pause for silence, Biddle expressed who was behind the first mascot costume.

"Anne Blizzard, an old student of CCU, came up with the costume design herself," Biddle said.

Blizzard also came up with the yearbook concept herself, as well.

Bailey Foard, a student of the

Musical Theatre Department, said she thought CINO was just a way to show school spirit.

"Every school has a chant or motto of some sort," Foard said before laughing and yelling. "Go CINO!"

Biddle was appointed by the South Carolina legislature to serve two terms on the Board of Trustees at Coastal Carolina University. He also served as acting president of Coastal when he was 25, and earned his honorary Doctorate degree from CCU in 2007.



Teal for Texas **continued**

"I keep going back to I can't believe it got this big," said Moon. "I'm just amazed by how much people really wanted to give back and help out Texas, and it came from us. It's just one idea for our class and it's huge now."



Photo courtesy of ACE's instagram

SC hurricane season **continued**

(PEP) regardless of whether they live on campus or commute and to make sure to have an emergency supply bag on hand.

"If you live off-campus and are sheltering-in-place, have enough supplies on-hand to be on your own, possibly without power, for at least 72 hours," said Mediros. "One gallon of water per person per day, non-perishable food and a flashlight with extra batteries are just a few items you should have in your kit."

A full list of items people should have in their emergency kit can be found at coastal.edu/emergency and students can pick up a free bag by contacting the Emergency Management Office.

Local bookstore offers free books giveaway

Yaicha Ocampo // Assistant Editor

ACE University Bookstore on Highway 544 in Conway has been selling used textbooks to students since 1995 and has now offered to refund one student's entire semester worth of textbooks in a special giveaway.

Andy and Charles Elvington decided to open their own business after working in bookstores for years.

Charles Elvington managed Coastal Carolina University's bookstore from 1974 to 1980 while Andy Elvington ran the bookstore at Horry-Georgetown Technical College from 1980 to 1994.

ACE is actually an acronym for their names.

Rusty Elvington, manager of ACE, said he understands how expensive college textbooks are but the store is trying to help make it easier.

"Our goal is to put more used books on the shelves for students," Elvington said. "Books are insanely expensive, but we try to save as much money as possible."

A rising junior at CCU suggested the idea of a free textbook giveaway to promote ACE

University Bookstore to incoming freshmen. That way, for the next four years, the class will turn to them.

They began their promotion at the end of May and utilized Instagram and Facebook to inform students.

In order to qualify, students could purchase anything from ACE and give their email address at checkout.

So far, 1,500 emails have been entered and the last day of the contest was Sept 1.

It was initially supposed to end after the first week of classes, but Elvington noticed that students were still in need of textbooks.

"We thought it was unfair to stop it," Elvington said. "...there are still a lot of students, as of this week [Aug. 25,] that are still in need of purchasing things, so that's why it ran into this week as well."

The winner was selected after this past weekend. Elvington said it was just by luck.

"We're going to log on and just do a blind scroll, put the curser up and down then BAM, pick them like that," said Elvington.

Medeiros urges students to attend CCU's 4th annual PrepareAthon! Day of Action on Sept. 4 to learn more about emergency response readiness.

The event will take place on

Prince Lawn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students will be able to try out different pieces of emergency equipment and food and prizes will be available.

Board of Trustees approves MA in Communication

Brittany Shaughnessy // Reporter

On Aug. 4, Coastal issued a press release stating that the Board of Trustees approved a Master's program for the Communication department.

Although this does not guarantee that the program will come to life, the communication department faculty is hopeful.

Wes Fondren, Department of Communication, Media and Culture Chair, spoke of the new program.

"We did an alumni survey, and found that 28 percent of our graduates go to, or have been to, graduate school," said Fondren. "Knowing that every 1 out of 4, almost 1 out of 3, of our graduates are going to graduate school, we had a lot of our alumni asking if we were ever going to do a Master's program."

In addition to alumni demand, Fondren stated that there have been three major studies in the last two years on what employers are looking for in their potential employees.

"LinkedIn did this major study of 250 companies around the country and asked them 'What is it that you're looking for in your employees that they don't have?'" said Fondren. "Number one was communication skills."

With a new program, comes the need for new faculty members. Fondren added that in the proposal to the Board of Trustees, there was a request for five new faculty members. However, these new members will not be hired to teach in the graduate program, necessarily.

"We are going to be hiring some new faculty to be teaching in the undergraduate program, so that our

current PHD faculty will be able to teach graduate classes in addition to undergrad," said Fondren.

A Ph. D. is mandatory to teach in the graduate program, but only a Master's is required to teach some of the communication entry level classes.

Deborah Breede, associate professor in the Department of Communication, Media and Culture, additionally spoke about the program.

"It is a Master in the Arts of Communication, and is a two-year program," said Breede. "The official launch date is August 2019, but we are doing what we call a 'soft launch' in fall 2018."

Breede explained that a "soft launch" is when the department is going to begin offering graduate classes to current seniors in the program, giving them a head start on the program, or an edge if seeking a masters from a different school.

"Senior privilege" will also be offered, where students can obtain graduate credit from these courses.

The specific classes that will be offered in the "soft launch" are still under construction.

Having already obtained approval from the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors, approval must still be obtained by the Carolina Higher Education Commission (CHE) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Both Fondren and Breede are hopeful that approval from these will come within the next year.

The Department of Communication, Media and Culture was the fastest growing department in the University for a long time, and had previously focused on meeting faculty demands

before they could even consider a master's program.

"We have tentatively decided on a two-tier Master's program," said Breede. "Students will have the opportunity to take the foundations in communication, general Master's courses."

Like the communication Bachelor of Arts program, students will also have the opportunity to choose a concentration.

"One will be the concentration that we are calling 'advocacy' right now, and one will be a concentration that will be in leadership," said Breede. "We'll have a variety of courses that will work in the advocacy part: doing health campaigns, or general activism or advocacy campaigns. The leadership program will have conflict resolution and tools for leaders. It will be adaptable to a variety of fields and disciplines."

As the Department of Communication, Media and Culture continues to grow, the faculty is gradually building up excitement for their new graduate program.

Within the decade, Coastal may become one of the biggest colleges in South Carolina offering the most diverse set of graduate programs. Currently, Coastal offers 17 graduate programs including the Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Master of the Arts of Teaching (MAT), Master in the Arts in Writing (MA), among many others.

The Communication Master's program is just another example of "Coastal Rising."



I scream, you scream, “It’s not ice cream?!”

Genelle Thompson // Reporter

CCU has unveiled a new sweet, healthier treat option for the 2017 school year. Chloe’s Soft Serve Fruit Co. is not ice cream or frozen yogurt, nor is it sherbet.

Chloe’s Soft Serve is kosher, pareve, prepared without meat, milk, or their derivatives, dairy free and gluten free.

This soft serve is only 25 calories per ounce and has only three simple ingredients; fruit, water and cane sugar. It costs 49 cents per ounce.

The inspiration behind Chloe’s Soft Serve Fruit Co. came from the developer’s pregnancy.

Chloe Epstein, the creator, desired a crave-cutting sweet treat that was guiltless to consume and would be a healthier option for her and her child.

Epstein was able to recreate a product that is an “all-natural

alternative to both the artificial ingredients of frozen yogurt and the fat and dairy of ice cream,” according to the company’s website.

Chloe’s Soft Serve is located on the first floor of the Academic II building in the P.O.D. Express store.

The self-serve kiosk will swap flavors according to demand. Current flavor choices include: banana, strawberry, mango, pineapple and chocolate.

Consumers can top their soft-serve with fresh-cut pineapple, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, chocolate chips, mini marshmallows, rainbow sprinkles, salted caramel sauce, chocolate sauce, shredded coconut, sliced almonds and graham cracker crumbs.

“[Chloe’s Soft Serve Fruit Co.] is a great new addition to the many different food options we have

here on campus,” said Greg, an employee at Chloe’s Soft Serve. “In the future, we will be looking to add more flavors to the rotation, such as blueberry and kiwi.”

Some students at CCU are excited about this new kiosk.

A group of friends had great feedback about their experience at Chloe’s Soft Serve. They thought it has good treat and unique in taste.

One consumer, Phillip, said it is a nice change.

“It owes a lot of its uniqueness to the fact that it’s like frozen yogurt, but not yogurt,” said Phillip.

The group said that they are looking forward to the other exchangeable flavor possibilities and topping options.

Those interested in learning more about the inspiration behind Chloe’s Soft Serve Fruit Co. can visit their website.

Saving lives one pint at a time

Morgen Cvetko // Reporter

The American Red Cross has been saving lives with their blood drives for over 50 years. Every two seconds, someone, somewhere in the United States needs blood. Therefore, it remains in constant demand.

Just in South Carolina alone, there are 54 hospitals that receive pints of blood from blood drives like the American Red Cross.

Meg Heath, who has been working for the Red Cross Blood drive for almost 13 years, described the process of what happens after a blood drive in South Carolina ends.

"In South Carolina...we aim to collect 509 units a day just to provide them with an adequate supply," said Heath. "The blood collected goes to hospitals and is used in a variety of ways, such as blood transfusions or to help someone who has lost too much blood due to an injury."

According to Heath, the blood drive Coastal hosted in August collected around 100 pints.

Some people choose not to donate because of fear of needles or fear it will hurt but, according to Morissa Robinson, a second-year student at Coastal, the slight bit of pain is worth it because it could potentially save someone's life.

The next blood drive that will be held at Coastal will be on Sept. 10.

Those who wish to donate should sign-up early because there will only be one blood truck and spots will be limited.

If a person donated blood at the August blood drive, they will not be allowed to donate until November.

FALL 2017

ADVISEMENT AND ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

MARCH 15 - APRIL 6

- Course offerings are available online at **WebAdvisor.coastal.edu**. (Select "Search for Sections.")
- See your advisor to schedule an advisement session.
- Plan your upcoming term via e-advising (on WebAdvisor).
- Obtain your registration appointment time at **WebAdvisor.coastal.edu**. (Select "My Registration Appt. Time.")

Eligibility for registration is based on credit hours earned plus credit hours currently enrolled.

SENIORS (90+ Credit Hours) & GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Group 1- Beginning 6 a.m. Wed., March 15
- Group 2- Beginning 6 p.m. Wed., March 15
- Group 3- Beginning 6 a.m. Thurs., March 16
- Group 4- Beginning 6 p.m. Thurs., March 16

JUNIORS (60-89 Credit Hours)

- Group 1- Beginning 6 a.m. Wed., March 29
- Group 2- Beginning 6 p.m. Wed., March 29
- Group 3- Beginning 6 a.m. Thurs., March 30
- Group 4- Beginning 6 p.m. Thurs., March 30

SOPHOMORES (30-59 Credit Hours)

- Group 1- Beginning 6 a.m. Mon., April 3
- Group 2- Beginning 6 p.m. Mon., April 3
- Group 3- Beginning 6 a.m. Tues., April 4
- Group 4- Beginning 6 p.m. Tues., April 4

FRESHMEN (Up to 29 Credit Hours)

- Group 1- Beginning 6 a.m. Wed., April 5
- Group 2- Beginning 6 p.m. Wed., April 5
- Group 3- Beginning 6 a.m. Thurs., April 6
- Group 4- Beginning 6 p.m. Thurs., April 6

Monday, April 10, registration OPEN to all students at 8 a.m.

Information on searching for sections, adding preferred sections, viewing appointment date and time, and other general information is available online.



coastal.edu/registration



Coastal men's soccer gets back to winning ways

Ian Brooking // Reporter

After dropping the first two games of the season, Coastal Carolina men's soccer defeated UNC-Greensboro 2-0 on Friday, Sept. 1 in front of 157 fans at the CCU Soccer Complex.

Seniors Martin Melchor and Frantzdy Pierrot nabbed their first goals of the season, giving the Chanticleers a 2-0 advantage for a majority of the game.

Assistant head coach Kyle Russell talked about the impact that Melchor's and Pierrot's goals meant for the team.

"Both Martin and Frantzdy are experienced players who know how to grind out wins," said Russell. "I think playing at home helped give them some extra motivation."

Melchor put Coastal up in the third minute of the game after a handball in the box gave Coastal a penalty kick. Melchor stepped up and scored from the spot with ease.

The senior forward from

Jacksonville, Texas, talked about getting those first goal jitters out of the way early.

"I was just focused on putting away the shot," said Melchor. "I had missed a couple of penalties before this one so I wanted to make sure I didn't rush it and calmed myself as much as possible."

Pierrot added Coastal's second goal of the game in the 25th minute, putting the ball past the UNC-Greensboro keeper after a wonderful assist from Melchor.

Coastal went into the halftime break with a 2-0 lead, outshooting UNC-Greensboro 5-3.

In the second half, Coastal had several chances to increase their lead, but failed to find the back of the net. The best chance came in the 83rd minute when Pierrot had a one-on-one situation with the keeper and his shot went directly at the goalkeeper.

Russell talked about what needs to be in order to fix that for the season.

"It's a long season and it is a process," said Russell. "We could have put a few more in the back of the net. Everyday our goal is to improve and get sharper in everything we do. We will continue to grind and have high standards at practice each day and good things will be a byproduct of that."

The win on Friday was the first win of the season for the men's team, having lost the first two matches of the season to George Mason and Georgetown.

Friday's match is the first of five home matches that Coastal will have this month and the start of a three game homestand.

The Chanticleers return to the pitch on Tuesday, Sept. 5 for a 7 p.m. kickoff against No. 15 Charlotte. Coastal Carolina men's soccer will also take the field against for Big South rival Radford on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the CCU Soccer Complex.

Rachael Gregory inks deal overseas

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Rachael Gregory, a former Coastal Carolina women's basketball player, has signed with CB Valls in Spain to pursue her dream of playing professional basketball.

Gregory averaged 11.5 points per game in her career at Coastal Carolina University. This past season, Gregory reached double figures in six games, bringing down 13 rebounds in games against Catawba, Appalachian State and Troy. She also led the team in double-doubles last season with five.

Gregory, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, spoke about what it felt like when she signed her first official professional contract.

"It was an amazing feeling when I received my contract," said Gregory. "It definitely is a dream come true, and I am super excited to get over there."

Gregory worked with Sims Basketball Placement Agency, an organization based in Atlanta and helps athletes get noticed and further their professional careers.

"The people at Sims were extremely helpful and were able to answer everything I needed," said Gregory.

Gregory checked out the team she will be playing with this upcoming season and said she was impressed with what she saw so far.

"It is a pretty established program over there," said Gregory. "I am looking forward in getting over there, working out with the team and getting right for the season."

CB Valls plays in the fourth tier of Spanish and finished 11-15 last season, finishing 10th. In the team's entire 21 years, last season was only the fourth time that CB Valls finished 10th or lower. Valls has finished in fifth place or higher 13 times, winning their respective division four times; in 2004, 2007, 2008 and 2012.

While Gregory is ready to start her career as a professional basketball player, she is excited to explore Spain and everything the country has to offer.

"Barcelona is only an hour and a half away," said Gregory. "The thing I am most excited about is hopping on a train and traveling to Barcelona to catch a soccer game. To have one of the best soccer clubs in the world 90 minutes from where you are staying is an opportunity you can't pass up. I am really looking forward to seeing Messi and FC Barcelona."

Gregory also talked about understanding the culture and the language.

"It will definitely be an eye-opening experience," said Gregory. "I will be staying in the Catalonia region in Spain, and Catalan and Spanish are the main languages of the area. While I am not fluent in Spanish, I've been speaking Spanish since I was three, so I do have the language down to where I can carry a conversation with someone from there."

Gregory is the fourth former Chanticleer women's basketball player to sign a professional deal. She follows behind Alexx Puckett, Kira Carter and Brooke Weisbrod.



She graduated from Coastal Carolina University in May with a Master's in Business Administration and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Global Education. She sent her well wishes to next year's basketball team.

"Work hard and take care of yourself," said Gregory. "Most importantly, have fun with it."

A moment in time

Ian Brooking // Reporter

In November 1999, in a packed Wheelwright Auditorium, the announcement was made that Coastal Carolina University would be getting a football program.

On September 6, 2003, nearly four years after the announcement, Coastal Carolina defeated Newberry College 21-14 on the final play of the game to win their first ever football game in program history.

Coastal Carolina athletic director Matt Hogue, who was a radio announcer at the time, recalled that historic day in Coastal Carolina history.

"I think the comment that I made on the broadcast on that touchdown call was something to the effect of that the dream has come true," said Hogue. "Lane Harris, my companion, called the moment 'storybook'. It could not have been scripted any better than what occurred."

Quinton Teal, a member of the

first ever Coastal Carolina football team, recalled what made him choose Coastal Carolina even though several people told him to go elsewhere.

"I didn't know anything about Coastal getting a football team until the day they arrived at my high school," said Teal. "Once Coach David Bennett and Curtis Walker showed me what was happening at Coastal, I was all in from that moment. It felt like home. I had never been on campus or really understood what it meant to start a football team from nothing. My high school coach tried to talk me out but there was no changing my mind. I was a Chant from that moment."

In that first season, Coastal Carolina went 6-5 and shattered a lot of expectations the nation had about the program and continued to shock the nation in the years following that first season.

The team went 28-6 from 2004 to 2006, winning three consecutive Big South Championships and

making their first ever FCS Playoff Appearance in 2006, falling to eventual national champion Appalachian State.

Hogue dug deeper in his memory bank, recalling some of his best moments in watching the program grow to what it is now.

"There are certain moments in this program's history that you just don't forget about," said Hogue. "I remember when we went up to Happy Valley to play Penn State in Beaver Stadium in front of nearly 107,000 people. Our first ever playoff win at Bethune-Cookman in 2012 and our 100th win as a program in 2015. Those are some fine moments to look back on admire because they led up to this point where we are at today."

Hogue said there are some major similarities in preparing for the first season of Coastal football and preparing for the first game of the 2018 season.

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Coastal's Bamba part of Canadian history

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina sophomore Amidou Bamba had a summer to remember, being a part of a U19 Canadian Basketball team that brought home the first ever World Cup trophy.

On July 9, Canada defeated Italy 79-60 in the U19 World Cup Final in Cairo, Egypt. Bamba scored six points and pulled down seven rebounds in 11 minutes of play in the final.

Bamba talked about what it was like the moment that final buzzer sounded, signifying that Canada was U19 World Champions for the first time ever.

"It was awesome," said Bamba. "Obviously, this was something that had never been done and it was such a great feeling winning the championship for Canada. Just being able to celebrate with those guys on that team, the situation, everything just felt so great."

Team Canada began playing in Egypt on July 1, taking care of Mali with a comfortable 91-42 victory. Bamba had three points in that game, as well as seven rebounds. Canada then played Spain on July 2, falling 78-73, with Bamba having three points and five rebounds in the contest.

On the final day of the group stage, Canada took care of Japan by a score of 100-75, with Bamba playing 14 minutes. Canada faced Angola in the Round of 16, winning 87-65. It was in this game that Bamba played only five minutes and did not record any stats, the only time that happened for the Coastal forward throughout the whole tournament.



Canada eked out a tough 73-67 win over France to set up a matchup with the most dominant international club of all-time, Team USA.

Team USA had undoubtedly been the most impressive team throughout the whole tournament, defeating the five opponents they faced by an average of 42.8 points per game.

Bamba played eight minutes against the United States, scoring two points and hauling in six rebounds. With it being a competitive game from the start, Bamba reflected on the energy surrounding the team going into

the halftime break with a 45-42 lead over the U.S.

"Coach's message to us was to keep fighting," said Bamba. "We were feeling pretty good at that point and we just listened to coach's words which was to stick the game plan and not lose focus."

Canada outscored the United States in both quarters in the second half, ultimately defeating Team USA 99-87.

"It was an incredible feeling when that final buzzer sounded," said Bamba. "Obviously, we had to get ready to play Italy the next day but

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project much like the one we are experiencing now that most likely will go down to the wire,” said Hogue. “We had a lot of things to get settled and taken care of and we pretty much went down to the last days and hours. I think this summer and that summer, the more I think about it, is more similar in nature.”

While Phase One was completed before the first home game on Saturday, bringing the stadium capacity to 15,000, there is still some work to do. A complete upper deck built on the Highway 544 side of Brooks Stadium is expected to be completed before Coastal Carolina kicks off their 2018 season against UAB on Sept. 8.

Eyes will be on the Coastal Carolina football team this season to see how they can adjust and react to the increased level of play and pressure.

Marcus Outlow, a redshirt junior running back who transferred from Boston College at the beginning of 2016, is ready for the challenge.

“First off, I am so excited that I finally get to play,” said Outlow. “It was a long year so all those emotions are going to be running through my mind as an individual. For our school and our community, I think it is going to be great. There will be so much excitement and a lot of people are going to be anxious to see what we can do. I think it is a great overall thing for our school, for our staff and for us as players.”

Much like how the dream came true in 2003, the dream of becoming an FBS program is becoming a reality.



Coastal's Bamba **continued**

in that moment, we had defeated the best team in the world.”

Team USA featured several top college players, such as Payton Pritchard, who played in all 39 games for the University of Oregon last season in their Final Four season. The United States also had two future University of Kentucky standouts, Hamidou Diallo and PJ Washington. Team USA was coached by Kentucky Head Coach, John Calipari.

Bamba discussed what it was like playing against some of the best college athletes.

“We didn’t let the names get to us,” said Bamba. “We didn’t let the names or the schools faze us.

We just wanted to go out there and play our game. We didn’t really want to give that team any type of allowance just because of who they were. We just wanted to come out with the same result we did in our other games and that was to win.”

Bamba averaged 10.1 minutes per game throughout the tournament, averaging 2.3 points per game to go along with 4.4 rebounds per game.

Bamba returns to the court for Coastal this season where he hopes that the experience overseas this past summer can help better himself for the season and help lead Coastal Carolina back to the NCAA Tournament.

Wilson signs Raffaisen Flyer Wels

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Elijah Wilson, a former Coastal Carolina guard, signed a deal with Austrian Basketball Club Raffaisen Flyer Wels on July 13.

Wilson opened up to signing with Wels and the process leading up to the moment.

"I hired an agent right after the season ended," said Wilson. "From that moment on, he was trying to find places overseas and in July, my agent found a team that felt like it would be the right fit for me and get me playing right away. I thought it was the best situation, and I signed right away."

Raffaisen Flyer Wels was founded in 2000, winning the Austrian Cup in the 2005-2006 season. In the 2008-2009 season, Flyer Wels won the Austrian Basketball League for the first time in team history. Flyer Wels finished 2nd in the 2015-16 season and in 6th last season. The team was looking for someone who can score and Elijah Wilson met that expectation.

The Wilmington, North Carolina, native finished his career as one of the most successful players to ever grace the court at Coastal Carolina. Wilson scored 1,881 points in his four years at Coastal Carolina and led the Chants to back-to-back Big South Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances.

"It was relief once that contract got here and I signed," said Wilson. "Like I said when the season ended I had hired an agent but I took two weeks off. But after that I got back in the gym, working out twice a day, six days a week. It was great to see that hard work pay off."

When a player signs to play

overseas, most contracts are for a single year, with the occasional two-year deal. Wilson looks forward to the experience but says he has to work on his German.

"I have no knowledge or know how to speak the language over there," said Wilson. "The best way to learn is to get thrown into it. That way you have no choice."

Luckily for Wilson, a majority of the coaching staff speaks English.

"Our coach is actually American," said Wilson. "So, he will be able to relate to the American players, as far as how it is transitioning and learning the language. That is a little nice relief."

Wilson arrived in Munich, Germany, on Aug. 24 with Siyani

Chambers, a former basketball player at Harvard. Chambers will be Wilson's teammate at Flyer Wels.

Coastal was recovering from a 14-15 season when Wilson came to Coastal in 2012. His 537 points in 2013-2014 as a freshman is still a Coastal Carolina freshman record and ranks ninth all-time for most points scored in a single season. Wilson was also a part of a program that made four straight postseason appearances with back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2014 and 2015, a CIT Final Four in 2016 and finishing as the runners-up in the 2017 CBI Tournament.

Wilson graduated from Coastal Carolina in May 2017 with a degree in Business Management.



Teal Nation, we need you

Ian Brooking // Reporter

Coastal Carolina officially became an FBS program in Division I football on Saturday, taking on Massachusetts in Conway at Brooks Stadium in front of 13,257 people, the largest attendance in Coastal Carolina history.

This also was the first game in the newly expanded Brooks Stadium, which added over 5,000 seats in order to meet the NCAA attendance requirement that all-new FBS programs are supposed to meet.

While the energy was definitely electrifying and the crowd certainly played a factor in Saturday's game, the big question is: can this be kept up?

More importantly, can the student section keep up?

For years, student attendance has always been a hit or miss. Students will show up for a half and regardless of the score halftime, whether it was a close game or a blowout, they would book out to wherever they were going for the rest of their Saturday night.

Kelly Moore, associate director of development of the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation and a former cheerleader at Coastal, talked about what it was like going to games as a student and how much attendance means to the players.

"When I was here at Coastal, I had the honor of being a part of the inaugural season of Coastal Carolina football," said Moore. "I was a cheerleader and I had several friends on the football team and each week after home games they would tell me that it makes a huge difference having the fans and the students there cheering us on. It really means a lot to these players to see their peers and their community in the stands making noise for them on every single down."

With that being said, the message is clear. We need our students at these games now more than ever. Come early, be loud and stay—that is what the student body needs to do. Ever since it was announced that Coastal Carolina accepted the invitation to join the Sun Belt conference on Sept. 1, 2015, the

Department of Athletics, University officials, coaches and especially the players have been working hard to be ready for this moment and make Teal Nation proud.

"The guys on the field have been relentless in getting ready for that first game," said Moore. "One of the great factors to the fan experience is the players putting their heart and soul out there on the field."

There will be more fans interactions such as giveaways and video board interactions.

"Much like I was able to be a part of the inaugural season of football, these students will be able to look back and say I was a part of the inaugural year of FBS football," Moore said. "These students can now say that they were a part of a new era in the great tradition that is Coastal Carolina football."

It is a time where Coastal football is rising to the occasion to make Teal Nation proud and make themselves known in their new conference. The question is: will the students rise to the occasion too?



A letter to the freshmen

Morgen Cvetko // Reporter

The first few days and even weeks of freshman year can be stressful and chaotic. You may get lost, you may show up late for the first time in your school career, you may sit through an entire class before you realize it was not your class and you might even cry.

But all of that is perfectly fine. College is not supposed to be a walk in the park; there will always be ups and downs.

However, if you open yourself up to new ideas and put yourself out there, college can be one of the best experiences of your life.

It is perfectly fine to be scared or feel out of place the first couple of

days, most upperclassmen felt that way at some point but we made it through freshman year.

Madison, a marine science major said, "Learn how to prioritize your time and don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help."

Professors are here to help you. Do not be afraid to ask a question in class because someone else may have the same question.

Jake, a sophomore marketing and graphic design major stated, "Don't be mean to your RA's."

Contrary to popular belief, resident advisors are not here to make your life harder or get you into trouble, they are here to make sure everyone stays safe. If an issue arises, they are trained to help.

If you follow the school policies and keep quiet after 10 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. on weekends, you will be fine.

Also, the RA's are students just like you and me, so make friends with them.

Anyone you ask has different advice to make freshman year "easier," but the truth of the matter is, your freshman year is what you make it.

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Biggest letdown of a lifetime: Solar eclipse 2017

Ian Brooking // Reporter

For the first time in nearly four decades, a total solar eclipse was visible in the contiguous United States and while many were able to view this beautiful phenomena, students and faculty at Coastal Carolina only saw clouds.

While the eclipse was going to last for three hours, the clouds came in at the right moment to cover the 99 percent blockage of the sun. This caused the many students and faculty who came out to Prince Lawn to view this "once in a lifetime" event to leave upset and disappointed.

Ed Piotrowski, chief meteorologist at ABC 15 News in Conway, South Carolina, went back and talked about the weather forecast for that day.

"The forecast for the day of the eclipse was partly sunny skies with the possibility of showers and storms at any time during the day," said Piotrowski. "I kept reminding everyone that the eclipse was going to be visible for three hours so people

would be able to see a great deal of it. What we can't tell you is if there will be a cloud that covers the sun and moon right at totality, which was only up to two minutes and 34 seconds."

Several comments such as "It was supposed to be super bright" and "If it is so bright then why couldn't we see it through a cloud" could be heard as letdown students and faculty went back to their classes and offices after the point of totality had passed.

Piotrowski cleared up those comments and explained why the eclipse was not visible through the clouds.

"Actually, the eclipse is not bright," said Piotrowski. "It slowly gets darker. Even when 99.2 percent of the sun is blocked by the moon at maximum eclipse, there is still a ton of light coming around the sun that drowns out your ability to see the corona. You had to be in 100 percent totality to see that. Even then, during totality, the sky is much darker and the corona not brighter than the sun so you can

see it through thick clouds."

While people viewing the eclipse on Prince Lawn were not able to see the eclipse during totality, there were several students who were living at University Place who were able to see it just fine.

Piotrowski explained the spottiness of the viewing for the eclipse.

"In the summer time in the south, most of the clouds we get are convective," said Piotrowski. "In other words, moisture and heat rise created numerous cumulus clouds that can grow into full-fledged showers and storms. Due to these showers and storms tower vertically, they don't always cover the entire sky. Basically, you were either lucky or unlucky when it comes to where the clouds were at max eclipse."

To some, not being able to see the eclipse has already been labeled "the biggest disappointment of their life."

It is understandable that people feel shorted since nothing like it happened in over 30 years. Not



only that, this was the first total solar eclipse to be visible across the contiguous United States since 1918.

To not see the eclipse in totality can definitely be seen as decent enough reason to feel letdown. However, there will be four more eclipses that will grace the United States sky in the next 31 years.

The next total solar eclipse will happen on April 8, 2024 and can viewed in 14 states –Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Maine and Michigan.

Another solar eclipse will occur on August 12, 2045 and can viewed in 10 states – California, Nevada, Utah, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

There will also be two more annular eclipses, occurring on October 14, 2023 and June 11, 2048.

An annular solar eclipse occurs when the moon's apparent diameter is smaller than the sun's, blocking most of the sun's light and causing the sun to look like a massive ring in the sky.

While it may feel like you missed out on something you'll never see again, don't worry. There will be another eclipse in the American sky soon enough.

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Editor's Note

Kaley Lawrimore // Editor-in-Chief

As I stare at my keyboard, I am finding it difficult to compose the right words to jump into who I am and why I plan to make this publication the best it can possibly be. I cannot use simple adjectives, and it was not a simple road.

I should start by introducing myself and what led me to where I am today. I was born and raised in Hemingway, South Carolina. For 24 years I have known the two-stoplight town, but I always found myself wanting more. I wanted an adventure.

When I enrolled at Florence-Darlington Technical College in 2011, I thought my calling was saving lives. I knew I wanted to help people, and I still do, but just not that way. I was doing photography on the side, so I decided to transfer to Horry-Georgetown Technical College for their art program. Like most higher-education institutions, I had to complete an internship pertaining to my major. And like most 20-year-olds, I did not have a lot of motivation, and I slacked on getting everything together in time.

Al Bunal, one of my professors, who is actually more like a mentor to me, set up an internship at WPDE ABC 15 News. That is when and where I fell in love with news and realized what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. I basically owe him everything for helping me find my path.

After graduating from HGTC, I accepted a 40-hour-a-week "part-time" job at WMBF News. After seven months, I decided to go back to school and pursue a journalism degree. That is when I became a Chanticleer, and it continuously proves to be one of the best decisions I have ever made.

I left WMBF News and accepted a real part-time job with WPDE ABC 15 News, so I could work and go to school.

For the past two years, I have been waking up at 2 a.m. and driving an hour to work all for the love of news. When I get off at 8 a.m., I head straight to campus. Although the graveyard shift isn't optimal, it has allowed me to grow into the journalist I am today.

I look forward to serving Coastal Carolina University as Editor-in-Chief of The Chanticleer this semester, and I hope you all will welcome me with open arms.

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Meet the Team

Kaley Lawrimore

Editor-in-Chief

Kaley Lawrimore was promoted to Editor-in-Chief of The Chanticleer for the Fall 2017 semester. New to Coastal, Lawrimore decided to join the paper as a reporter after deciding to pursue broadcast reporting in October 2015. After reporting for only a semester, she was promoted to Assistant Editor. When Lawrimore is not on campus, she works part-time at WPDE ABC 15 News in Conway. There she does a multitude of behind-the-scenes work which includes editing video, gather video and information from breaking news scenes and writing web stories. Lawrimore graduates from Coastal in December 2017

Yaicha Ocampo

Assistant Editor

Yaicha Ocampo is the Assistant Editor of The Chanticleer for the fall 2017 semester. Ocampo is a junior English and philosophy major at CCU with a women's and gender studies minor. She focuses on social issues in her writing and began to pursue journalism in hopes of educating and disillusioning the public to false information. Ocampo will graduate from Coastal in May 2019.

Alexa Stress

Art Director

Alexa Stress is serving as the Art Director for The Chanticleer. After transferring to CCU her junior year, she immediately began working around campus as a graphic designer for organizations such as Tempo Magazine, The Athenaeum Press and the Career Services Department. She is excited to revamp the visual narrative of the newspaper to create a more engaging publication. She hopes to work for a design firm after she graduates from CCU in May 2018.

Jason Renne

Business Manager

Jason Renne is the Business Manager for The Chanticleer, studying communication at CCU. Since becoming part of organization, Jason has been focusing on building relationships with potential clients and serving the student body. He hopes to work for a large advertising agency once he graduates and knows that his experience with The Chanticleer will help him along the way. Jason will graduate from Coastal in May 2019.

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